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Since 1950, [ ] Polish ships have been used wherever possible. Czechoslovakia has its own program for building ocean-going ships. The first to be built under this program, "Republika," about 12,000 GRT, was put into service recently according to a broadcast of Radio Prague. [ ]

Payments for services were included in the trade and payment agreements with the respective countries. Branch offices abroad of Czech Metrans did not do much business on the company's own account, but were used more for finding and supervising suitable transportation facilities.

The percentage of accidents on railroads appears to have increased considerably in the past few years. At the present time, the first task of the rail transportation system is to increase the capacity of the west-east lines, and to speed the turn-around of freight cars. It is generally believed that the Czech railway system is far more efficient than the Soviet.

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